What is the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (S/FMNP)?

In Virginia, we call it *Farm Market Fresh*!

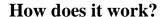
Virginia's *Farm Market Fresh* program helps eligible seniors get fresh, tasty, and nutritious locally grown fruit, vegetables, and cut herbs. The program also supports local farmers and farmers' markets in Virginia.

The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services-Office for Aging Services (DARS-OAS) partners with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), ten local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), and one city government to operate the program which is funded by the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

Who is eligible?

If all of the statements shown below are true, then you may be eligible to participate.

- You are 60 years of age or older.
- You are a resident of a locality that participates in the program.
- You do not live in the same household and you are not an immediate family member of the farmer who grows the produce.
- You meet the program's income requirements. You must certify your household income.



- You must complete an application each year through your local Area Agency on Aging to determine if you are eligible to participate in the program.
- Participation is limited and applications are accepted on a first come-first served basis.
- Not all localities within the area served by your local Area Agency on Aging may be eligible to participate in the program.

What is provided?

- If your application is approved, you will receive \$45.00 worth of checks per eligible senior for that growing season.
- Each check is worth \$5.00 and may be used to purchase fresh, locally grown fruit, vegetables, and cut herbs from participating certified retail farmers market vendors. *Please note: change cannot be given if the entire \$5 is not used.
- Certified retail farmers market vendors will accept checks for fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables in-season, depending on the produce items available.

Where does S/FMNP Operate?

For Southwest Virginia, call:

Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens, Inc. 216 College Ridge Rd., Wardell Ind. Park

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609-0765 If you live in Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell or Tazewell counties.

1-800-656-2272 or 276-964-4915

District Three Senior Services

1-800-541-0933 or 276-783-8157

4453 Lee Highway, Dedicated line applications: 1-866-820-2646

Marion, VA 24354-4269

If you live in Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, or Wythe counties, or the cities of Bristol or Galax.

Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.

1-800-252-6362 or 276-523-4202

1501 3rd Avenue East

Big Stone Gap, VA 24219-0888

If you live in Wise County or the City of Norton

For Arlington County, call:

Arlington Agency on Aging 703-228-1700

2100 Washington Blvd, 4th Floor <u>arlaaa@arlingtonva.us</u>

Arlington, VA 22204

For Southeastern Virginia, call:

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia 757-461-9481

2551 Eltham Avenue, Suite Q Dedicated line information: 757-963-9231

Norfolk, VA 23513

If you live in Isle of Wight or Southampton counties, or the cities of Chesapeake, Franklin,

Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, or Virginia Beach.

City of Emporia 434- 634-3332

201 South Main Street

Emporia, Virginia 23847

If you live in Emporia or Greensville County

For Eastern Shore of Virginia, call:

Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging 757-442-9652 or 1-800-452-5977

Community Action Agency, Inc.

5432-A Bayside Road

Exmore, VA 23350

For Shenandoah Valley, call:

Valley Program for Aging Services, Inc. 1-800-868-8727 or 540-949-7141

325 Pine Avenue

Waynesboro, VA 22980-0603

If you live in Augusta, Rockbridge, or Rockingham counties or the cities within.

For Southside Virginia, call:

Southern Area Agency on Aging, Inc. 1-800-468-4571 or 276-632-6442

204 Cleveland Avenue

Martinsville, VA 24112-3715

If you live in Patrick, Henry, Franklin, or Pittsylvania Counties or the cities of Danville or

Martinsville

Lake Country Area Agency on Aging

1-800-252-4464 or 434-447-7661

1105 West Danville Street South Hill, VA 23970-3501

If you live in South Boston or Halifax County

Piedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging

1-800-995-6918 or 434-767-5588

5539 Colonial Trail Highway

Burkeville, VA 23922

If you live in Farmville, Blackstone or Prince Edward County

Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living

434-385-9070

501 12th Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

If you live in the City of Lynchburg

What's in season?

Farm Market Fresh checks are issued for the summer growing season and usually must be spent during the months of June through November, depending on availability of produce.

Checks are used only for typical fruit and vegetables that grow in Virginia and may be found at Virginia's retail farmer's markets in a normal season, such as those listed below. The varieties, volume, and quality of available produce may vary depending on the weather and other factors.

VEGETABLES	Pumpkins	Cantaloupe
Broccoli	Potatoes	Nectarines
Cabbage	Spinach	Peaches
Cucumbers	Squash	Pears
Eggplant	Sweet corn	Strawberries
Greens	Sweet potatoes	Tomatoes
Green beans	-	Watermelons
Green peppers	FRUIT	
Lima beans	Apples	OTHER PRODUCE
Mushrooms	Blackberries	Fresh cut herbs

ITEMS NOT ELIGIBLE

Items that you may NOT purchase with the SFMNP checks include:

- produce that is not locally grown such as oranges, bananas, and pineapples
- processed foods such as honey, maple syrup, cider, nuts, meat, bread, and cheese
- non-food items such as flowers and plants are NOT eligible
- dried herbs and teas



For More Information, Contact:

Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services – Office of Aging Services

1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100

Richmond, VA 23229

Toll-free: 1-800-552-3402 or Richmond: 804-662-9319

E-mail: aging@vda.virginia.gov Web Site: www.vda.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Sales and Market Development

102 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219

Richmond: 804-786-2373 Web Site: www.vdacs.virginia.gov

Information on locally grown Virginia produce Web Site: www.virginiagrown.com

United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services

Headquarters: 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (MARO)

300 Corporate Blvd.

Robbinsville, NJ 08691-1518

Phone: 609-259-5025 Fax: 609-259-5185

Web Site: www.fns.usda.gov/wic/SeniorFMNP/SFMNPmenu.htm

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